



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Dimitar N. Trancheff was sentenced May 10, 2010, by the Honorable Judge Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge in Omaha, Nebraska, to 188 months, followed by 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

On April 9, 2005, a Nebraska State Patrol Trooper stopped the Defendant on Interstate 80 in Lincoln County, Nebraska. Troopers searched the vehicle and located 18 kilograms of cocaine. On April 28, 2005, the Defendant was released on conditions of pretrial release. On June 5, 2005, the Defendant absconded and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On August 6, 2009, the Defendant was located and arrested in Elhoro, Bulgaria. U.S. Marshal's from the District of Nebraska went to Bulgaria and brought the Defendant back to Nebraska in November 2009. The Defendant had a two day trial in February and the jury convicted him of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Name of Defendant: Dimitar N. Trancheff

AKA:

Age: 53

City of residence: Elhoro, Bulgaria

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Possession with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 18 kilograms of cocaine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April 13, 2005

Federal Arrest Date: April 26, 2005 and August 6, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 20, 2005

Initial Appearance Date: April 28, 2005 and November 25, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): February 9-10, 2010

Sentencing Date: May 10, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett, III

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: On June 5, 2005, Dimitar N. Trancheff violated these conditions by absconding from supervision. Thereafter, an arrest warrant for Dimitar N. Trancheff was issued by order of the Honorable F. A. Gossett, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Nebraska.

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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